

1ST Quarter FY 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: All ITA Employees

FROM: Michelle O'Neill /s/
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce
for International Trade

SUBJECT: 1st Quarter Quarterly Star Awards

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of the 1st Quarter FY 2009 Quarterly Star Awards. The Quarterly Star awards are given to employees and teams who have made significant contributions to ITA programs and have demonstrated exceptional and sustained effort toward the accomplishment of ITA's mission. Employees can be nominated by anyone for any of the five award categories – administrative support professional; program professional; supervisor/manager; customer service; and group. Please join me in congratulating the winners.

Administrative Support Professional Award

Luz Betancur, CS Ottawa, TP&FCS

For her exceptional and sustained efforts to advance our ITA mission goals in Canada.

Ms. Betancur was nominated by Stephan Wasylo

Program Professional Award

Elizabeth Teague, MAS

For her outstanding work as the lead Commerce analyst revising the existing list of imported products subject to retaliatory tariffs in association with the EU Beef Hormones WTO dispute.

Ms. Teague was nominated by Matthew Howard

Graciela Ezcurra, CS Buenos Aires, TP&FCS

For outstanding management as the CS lead on the Client Tracking System deployment, ensuring ITA staff was effectively trained which enables a superior service for our external customers.

Ms. Ezcurra was nominated by Brian Brisson

Supervisor/Manager/Team Leader

Krysten Jenci, MAS

For outstanding management of international trade policy privacy issues that strengthen U.S. industry and promote global trade.

Ms. Jenci was nominated by Robin Layton

Customer Service Award

Fay Finver, TP&FCS

For her outstanding customer service skills, her subject matter expertise, and her dedicated and exemplary work ethic in stewarding the Commercial Service's WebTA program.

Ms. Finver was nominated by William Zarit

GROUP AWARD

CS Beijing Group, TP&FCS

**Alain de Sarran
Elizabeth Shieh
Gedlom Tesfazion
Daniel Thoren**

For their extraordinary dedication and effectiveness in ensuring the continued operation of the commercial section in Beijing during its move to a new embassy.

The team was nominated by Patrick Santillo

China Subsidies Group, IA

**Amanda Douglas
Callie Conroy
Supriya Kumar
Katharine Huang**

For their outstanding work in identifying and analyzing hundreds of new WTO inconsistent Chinese subsidies, leading to the filing of a WTO complaint to end these trade-distorting practices.

The team was nominated by Christopher Cassel